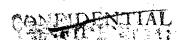
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SUPREME SOVIET MEETING

- Soviet, has just postponed its third scheduled meeting for this year from 23 Dec to 26 Dec-perhaps as a sort of Christmas present to the Western world's statesmen and intelligence communities.
 - A. More seriously, the postponement of this session—which had already been announced as dealing with the Soviet '56 budget—may indicate that the Communist Party Central Committee has important business to discuss before the rubber-stampers are called to order.
 - B. In addition to budget discussions, we expect that this session of the Supreme Soviet will hear a "report" from B & K on their South Asia trek, possibly coupled with the announcement of a Soviet economic aid program for underdeveloped

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